

Legislative Analysis



ELIMINATE SUNSET OF FALCONRY LAW

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House Bill 5697

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Committee: Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5697 AS INTRODUCED 2-12-08

Section 40107a of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), MCL 324.40107a, directs the Department of Natural Resources to issue an order establishing a season or seasons allowing qualified falconers to capture specified raptors from private land for use in falconry under rules set forth in that section and in the order. The current Wildlife Conservation Order (Chapter X, Falconry) governing falconry may be found on the DNR website:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ChapterX_128648_7.pdf

When originally enacted in 1998, the law directing the issuance of an order governing falconry was set to sunset after five years. It is currently set to expire on January 4, 2009. The bill would eliminate the sunset provision, allowing the law to remain on the books indefinitely.

MCL 324.40107a

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the state or local governmental units.

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